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# SCORE CARD *for* BEEF CATTLE

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# DESCRIPTION OF BEEF ANIMAL

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**General Appearance—Form:**

The desired form of the beef animal is that of a parallelogram, this type of animal furnishing the largest amount of edible meat. The body should belong, wide, deep, and low set. The back should be broad, thus designating the shape and turn of the ribs, which should be well arched and extend low, to give depth of body. The coupling should be short, the loin broad and deep, and the flank low. There should be a close, compact, condition, which is evidenced by a smooth, even finish characteristic of an animal best suited to market demands.

**Quality:**

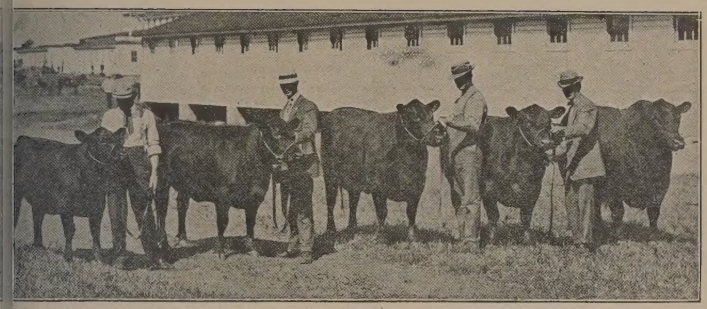
Quality is a term used to signify the fineness or texture which an animal possesses. For example, the head should be clean cut, clearly defined, the ears medium size, and there should be an absence of excess skin around the throat, dewlap, and brisket. The shoulders should be smooth and compact. The bone should be fine in texture, although this should not be gained at the expense of constitution, weight, or capacity. The skin should be pliable, the hair fine, silky and oily; these all indicating the presence of quality.

**Condition:**

If the animal is being judged as a fat animal, due consideration should be given to the amount of fat possessed. When an animal is fat, there is a fullness at the tongue root, at the flanks, in the twist, and there is a general fullness and smoothness throughout the animal, this being due to the accumulation of fat between the muscle tissues and on the outside of the animal.

**Breeding Capacity:**

If the animal is being judged from the standpoint of a breeder, constitution and breeding capacity should be considered. Constitution is evidenced in a large muzzle, large nostrils, large, bright, clear eyes, and a broad and deep chest. Breeding capacity is evidenced in a large, capacious body, the animal showing thrift and vigor in combination with this important requisite. When judged from this viewpoint, the chief aim of the judge should be to decide on the ability of the animal to reproduce strong individuals for a considerable period of years.



1. A group of Aberdeen Angus cattle in proper position to be idged. The heads should all be placed in one direction and the imals placed at least 10 feet apart.

2. A group of Hereford cattle in the show ring. Note that the bull placed at the head of the herd, the cows and heifers following in rder.

## SCORE CARD

**BEEF CATTLE**

| SCALE OF POINTS | Standard Score | Po Student's |
|---|---|---|
| **GENERAL APPEARANCE—40 per cent.** | | |
| 1. **Weight,** score according to age | 10 | |
| 2. **Form,** straight top and underline; deep, broad, low set, stylish, smooth, compact, symmetrical | 10 | |
| 3. **Quality,** fine, soft hair; loose, pliable skin of medium thickness; dense, clean, medium-sized bone | 8 | |
| 4. **Condition,** deep, even covering of firm, mellow flesh; free from patches, ties, lumps, and rolls; full cod and flank, indicating finish | 12 | |
| **HEAD AND NECK—7 per cent.** | | |
| 5. **Muzzle,** broad; mouth large; nostrils large and open | 1 | |
| 6. **Eyes,** large, clear, placid | 1 | |
| 7. **Face,** short; jaw strong | 1 | |
| 8. **Forehead,** broad, full | 1 | |
| 9. **Ears,** medium size; fine texture | 1 | |
| 10. **Neck,** short, thick, blending smoothly with shoulder; throat clean with light dewlap | 2 | |
| **FOREQUARTERS—9 per cent.** | | |
| 11. **Shoulder vein,** full | 1 | |
| 12. **Shoulders,** smoothly covered, compact, snug, neat | 4 | |
| 13. **Brisket,** trim, neat; breast full | 2 | |
| 14. **Legs,** wide apart, straight, short; arm full; shank fine | 2 | |
| **BODY—30 per cent.** | | |
| 15. **Chest,** full, deep, wide; girth large; crops full | 4 | |
| 16. **Ribs,** long, arched, thickly and smoothly fleshed | 8 | |
| 17. **Back,** broad, straight, thickly and smoothly fleshed | 8 | |
| 18. **Loin,** thick, broad | 8 | |
| 19. **Flank,** full, even with underline | 2 | |
| **HINDQUARTERS—14 per cent.** | | |
| 20. **Hips,** smooth | 1 | |
| 21. **Rump,** long, wide, level; tail-head smooth; pinbones wide apart, not prominent | 3 | |
| 22. **Thighs,** deep, full | 4 | |
| 23. **Twist,** deep, plump | 4 | |
| 24. **Legs,** wide apart, straight, short; shanks fine, smooth | 2 | |
| Total | 100 | |

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